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GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

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Mr. William Grey  
The Anaconda Copper Company  
555 17th Street  
Denver, Colorado 80217

Dear Mr. Grey:

In letters dated October 28, 1980, and February 25, 1981, the Anaconda Company was requested to provide the U. S. Geological Survey (GS) with cost estimates for reclamation of the Jackpile-Paguate Uranium Mine. In letters dated December 24, 1980, and March 24, 1981, the Anaconda Company declined to provide this information.

This office has been informed that the Anaconda Company has prepared these figures, but will not provide them to the GS because they are deemed confidential.

The GS must have accurate cost figures to fully assess the impacts of various decisions we must make concerning the project. Therefore, I request that this office be allowed to review the Anaconda Company's estimated reclamation cost figures in your office. If I do not receive a reply to this request within 15 days, this office will generate reclamation cost figures based on our data and projections.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

Ray Brady  
Acting Deputy Conservation  
Manager--Mining

